

Courses Available for Spring 2007!

Core Courses

Community and Natural Resource Management (3 Credits)

Instructor: Cornelia Flora, Iowa State University

The course will introduce students to the breadth of consideration involved in community resource management. Included in the course are theoretical frameworks, methodological investigation and applied practices to enhance the ability of community development professionals to work with their communities to plan, develop, and monitor the conversation and development of natural resources with multiple functions.

Community Development II (3 Credits)

Instructor: Tim Borich, Iowa State University

This course will examine the role of civil society in community planning efforts and offer students a comparative approach to planning theories and approaches. It will also focus on change within communities and the roles of government, planners, and citizens in reacting to or shaping change. Students will have an opportunity to explore current issues related to planning and dealing with change by examining controversial practices such as covenants and land trusts, as well as by studying various community responses to change. Students will understand how citizens, firms and governments act to improve their community and region; the structure and implications of power; the relation between social relationships and economic activity, coalition building, concepts of inclusiveness (class, gender, ethnicity, geography), voice, and conflict and its management in communities and regions. The course will cover dimensions of social capital and the context of change. Students will learn to use this knowledge to promote equitable change at the community and regional level. They will study the implications of economic and demographic shifts on strategies and tactics for change and explore various resources for supporting these efforts.

Orientation Course (1 Credit)

Instructor: Mary Emery, Iowa State University

This is a required introductory course for new students in the program.

Economics Track Courses

Impact Analysis (1 Credit)

Instructor: Judith Stallmann, University of Missouri

The course teaches the basics of economic and fiscal impact analysis. It includes the scenario construction, basics of input-output analysis, careful use of multipliers, estimations of local revenues and expenditures and discounting.

Cost Benefit Analysis (1 Credit)

Instructor: Judith Stallmann, University of Missouri

This course teaches cost-benefit analysis, cost effectiveness and cost utility analysis. It also teaches discounting and why impact analysis is not used in cost-benefit analysis.

Local Economic Analysis (1 Credit)

Instructor: Judith Stallmann, University of Missouri

This is an applied course that teaches economic base theory, a theory of regional economics, multipliers and how local economics are affected by external events. The course teaches basic methods for the analysis of a local economy. Methods include: trend analysis, location quotients, shift share analysis and retail trade analysis. The level of analysis is limited only by the level of data available.